

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Rimma Mitelman on January 12, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

The Abstract:

On a separate sheet and as the last page of the specification, please insert the following Abstract of the Disclosure –

Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention provides a bleaching composition comprising a [3.3.1] bicyclic compound of formula (I) carrying at least one C8-C22-alkyl chain, the bleaching composition being substantially devoid of a peroxygen source. --.

The Claims:

In claim 1, line 5, delete "may" and insert – are --.

In claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

In claim 5, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 4" and insert -- claim 1 --.

In claim 6, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert – to claim 1 --.

In claim 8, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 6" and insert – claim 1 --.

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In claim 13, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert -- claim 1 --.

In claim 16, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert -- claim 1 --.

In claim 17, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert -- claim 1 --.

In claim 20, line 1, delete "claims 1 to 19" and insert -- claim 1 --.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Note that, Applicant's arguments, the Examiner's Amendment, the terminal disclaimer, and the Declaration filed under 37 CFR 1.132 are sufficient to place the instant claims in condition for allowance. Of the references of record, the most pertinent are Hage et al (US 2003/0232732) or Hage et al (US 2003/0230736). Note that, Applicant has submitted a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 which states that Patricia Petersen, who is listed as a co-inventor in both '732 and '736, is the same person as Patricia Veerman-Petersen, who is listed as a co-inventor in the instant application. Thus, '732 and '736 do not qualify as prior art under 35 USC 102(e) since their inventorship is not "by another" and do not qualify as prior art under any other provision of 35 USC 102.

None of the references of record, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a bleaching composition containing a monomer ligand or a transition metal catalyst thereof of the ligand, wherein the ligand is a nitrogen containing compound as recited by the instant claims. Accordingly, since the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest such a composition as recited by the instant claims, the instant claims are deemed allowable.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory R. Del Cotto whose telephone number is (571) 272-1312. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. thru Fri. from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on (571) 272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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